

MINUTES
Town of Arlington, CDBG Subcommittee Meeting
Thursday, February 26, 2015, 8:00 a.m.
Town Manager's Conference Room
APPROVED 3/6/2015

Present: Selectman Dan Dunn
Selectman Steven Byrne
Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager
Carol Kowalski, Planning Director
Anna Whitten, Grants Administrator

Carol Kowalski opened the meeting by explaining that the draft CDBG budget she offered the committee represented one scenario of how funds could be allocated and that all budget line items were open to discussion.

Selectman Dunn was concerned about the cuts suggested for the various scholarship programs.

Selectman Byrne appreciated Anna Whitten's analysis of scholarship programs over a 5 year period which included the number of persons served. Selectman Byrne commented on the Arlington High School Athletic Scholarship program specifically that the number of students benefiting varied even though funding had remained the same for a number of years.

There was a discussion about the Arlington Hockey Scholarships. Anna Whitten explained that her discussion with Joe Connelly, Recreation Director, revealed that although the Recreation Department oversees the administration of the Hockey Scholarship Program, it is a private organization, not Town related.

Selectman Byrne advocated for funding the request by the Arlington Housing Authority for the Life and Skills Building and Drake Village improvements at 200,000.

There was discussion by the group with regard to the new organizations requesting funds: Arlington Eats, Foodlink, and 5th Grade Science Camp via Arlington Public Schools. The Town Manager expressed some concern about funding new organizations given the cuts in the CDBG grant and the ability of existing programs to continue providing services.

The Town Manager asked Anna Whitten to ask Christine Bongiorno, Human Services Director about the effects of possible cuts to Lifeline, MyDailyCall and AYCC as well as her thoughts on Arlington EATS and Foodlink.

The committee discussed adding approximately 81,000 of unused prior year funds to the 2015-2016 CDBG Budget.

A second subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Friday, March 6th to continue discussions on the preliminary budget allocations.

The meeting closed with the approval of the Minutes from the April 7, 2014 CDBG Subcommittee Meeting.

Minutes prepared by A. Whitten